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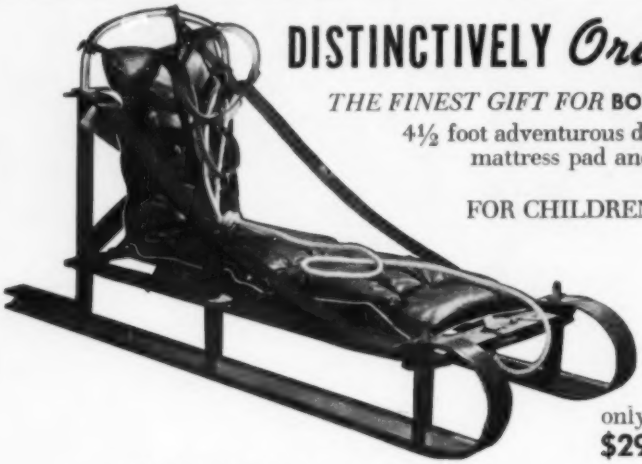

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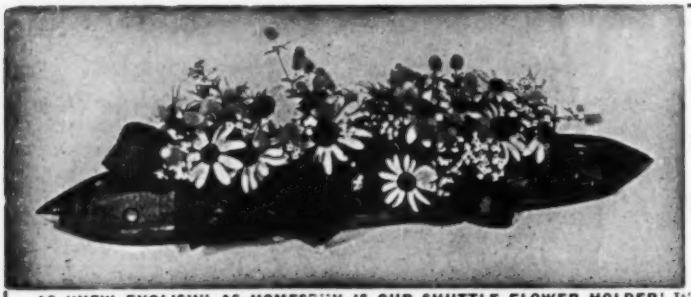

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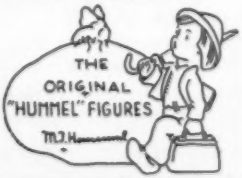

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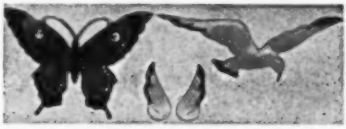

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Answer: Brother, we hate to say, "I don't know" worse than the devil hates holy water but your letter is a mite shy of information. You say this opening was in the "forefoot." The forefoot is where the stem joins the keel or, in other words,—the deepest point at the bow. If you are correct in your designation, and we are expressing doubt, it could have been the intake for the cooling of the ship's condenser. Many of the older ships carried a rig like that or similar. But if you meant "cutwater" or, more likely, a point somewhat higher, then we would say it was the hawse-pipe for her "Baldt" anchor. Years ago men-of-war and other big ships carried a mushroom anchor, called a "Baldt" which streamed from a hawse-pipe square through the stem and very low. They hove this anchor in, shank and all, and the bole of the anchor closed the opening. Lightships still carry Baldt anchors and use them in the same way. It is claimed that an anchored ship will not sheer as badly in wind or sea, if anchored in this manner.

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►*Mass.: Dear Oracle:* I am trying to find out the origin of the saying, "23, skiddoo." Began to be used soon after 1900, I think. Maybe some old-timer knows. L.E.F.

Answer: We remember very clearly when the expression was in popular use. It is said, and we are merely repeating, that some sports writer first used it. He was supposed to have been playing with the more ancient term, "Skedaddle" and the figure "23" referred to something fatal in a score. This is a poor answer, we realize, and may not be the fact at all, but it will have to do until we can do a mite more researching. And that depends a whole lot on wind, tide and the level of the barometer.

►*Colo.: Dear Oracle:* My folks came out of New England originally and I can remember some of the stories they used to tell of Yankees. These old New Englanders must have been a curious breed if all those stories were true. J.A.

Answer: Yes. And so were the old-timers in the heft of other sections of the country. In the remaining few sections, they still are!

►*Idaho: Dear Oracle:* This is a country of mountains which some people claim are the bones of the earth, supporting the whole like the skeletons of animals and humans. Do you actually believe this? G.A.

Answer: Well, we would hate like the devil to see 'em all removed!

►*Kansas: Dear Oracle:* There is no doubt but what the ancients were a wise bunch of pelicans but why on earth did they make a sythe-snath so crooked? P.H.

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along the shore,
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any more; where woodmen
chopped, and h'erths
have burned;
so fur as weather
is concerned.
Still, 'taint the tropics
even-so!
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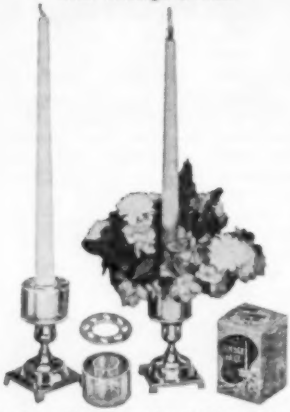

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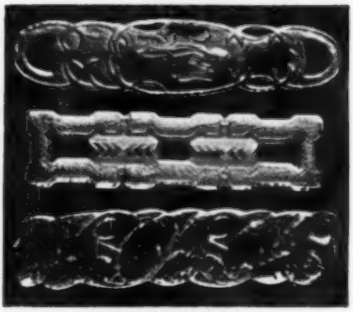

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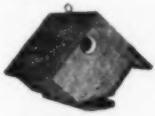

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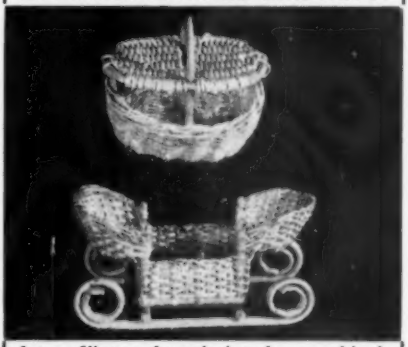

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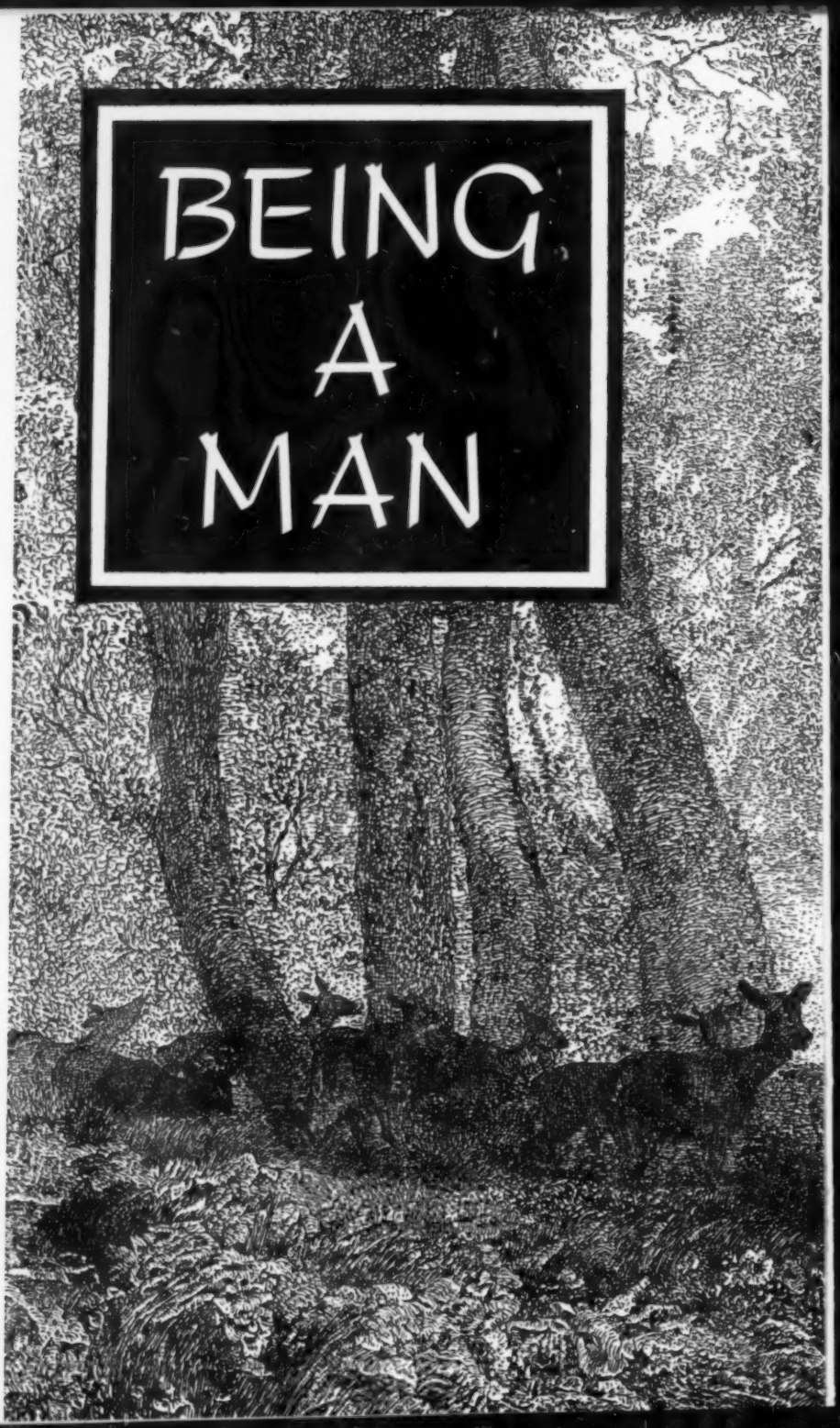
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The third most important thing in Borden's life was all he could hope to keep—but was he being foolish to try?

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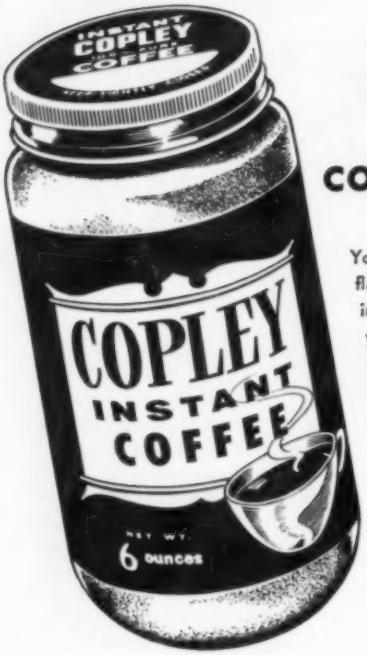
THEY SEPARATED JUST BEFORE DAWN at the first ridge below the mountain, and Borden stopped in a hollow, listening to his son going away up the ridge. The hollow was dark and quiet, and very cold. The old man looking up could not see his son, but beyond the black trees he could see light on the mountain, a great gray land high above him, and he felt very fine. He was already cold and there was a new stiffness in his arms which would trouble him if he had to raise the gun quickly, but still he felt very fine. He was hunting with his son. The boy had come home after a long while away and they were hunting together.

The old man waited in the hollow, listening, remembering. He was thinking that now maybe the boy was home to stay and though he couldn't believe it, he thought, wouldn't that be fine? And as he waited all the other memories came down to him out of the morning dark, out of the cold lonely beautiful land—of Billy and his first gun and Billy sick and Billy's young cheek before he ever shaved, and all of how it was in those days when Rachel was alive and after the hunt you could go home to the soft voice and the warmth and a little boy asleep.

And the old man thought, well, I had three things to love, my wife and my son and my land, and now getting old I still have two left, and that's luck enough. If Billy would only stay. But he's young and with all that college, he's got to make use of it. And down in the city there are all those young people, the women especially, all the lives crossing like spider webs, and up here . . . there is only me and the mill



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and the mountain. So of course he won't stay. And I won't ask him to stay. And he won't stay.

It was almost light enough now and he began to hear shooting. Not Billy, the shooting was far off up the mountain and Borden n o d d e d silently, approvingly, knowing that Billy would not shoot in this light out of respect for the deer—and also, the old man thought, out of respect for the quiet dark of the morning. But then with the shooting the old man began to move forward down the hollow.

He moved slowly and with great care. He had done this for half a century and he was good at it. He went down through the hollow with a slow, even, glacial motion, probing with his toes among the leaves, the twigs, moving so softly and evenly that unless you were very close you would never notice him moving at all. And he became, instantly, a part of the land. He felt once again that huge inexpressible communion with the earth, submerged among the trees yet wildly alive, a piece of live moving earth carrying death in its hands. And that was a part of it too, the death, because everything that moved that day in the land carried death with it, death before night for a billion living things, birds and bugs and worms would die, be eaten, and in spite of that, even because of that, the land was beautiful. And in the woods Borden could feel truly what it was to be an animal, and what it was to be a man, and he knew that they were not the same; and he could feel also with a deep tragic intensity that some day soon now he would surely die, and so he breathed deeply and gazed up at the mountain and was overwhelmingly glad to be alive.

Which is a feeling that cannot last for long, which burns you out, and when he reached the end of the hollow he stopped again at the edge of the sugarbush.

He was already very tired. He thought regretfully that he would have to find a stand and sit down. Looking up toward the ridge he wondered where Billy was and in the memory of Billy felt a sudden pang. He doesn't feel it, Borden thought. He never really did feel a need for the land. When he went off to college he never once came back during the season, he was always too busy. So he won't stay. But . . . Don't you remember how he was always up first, oiling the guns? And anyway, the old man snorted, how do you know what he feels? Can you remember being twenty-two? No. All you remember is the restlessness, maybe a little bit of the loneliness, the woman-hunger.

You can see Billy is restless now, he hasn't found himself. He feels something up ahead that he has to do and he doesn't know what it is, only he knows running a lumber mill in Vermont isn't it. And down in the city everybody talks so well, and everybody reads and things are always happening, and down there you can be important. So why should he stay? Because anyway, you know, if he needs it, the mountain (*continued on page 20*)

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Borden shifted his rifle once quickly in his hands and went on. There was a good stand up ahead at the gap through the ridge. He found nobody there and sat patiently for the rest of the morning. By noon it was much warmer and he ate some dried beef and went to sleep. When he awoke it was after three and already growing cold. He began to move up the gap. He knew Billy was somewhere above and would be coming down this way and might drive a deer in front of him.

Now with the sun going down was the good hunting and he could feel the tension beginning to rise. He stopped once more and sat down behind a stump—and began to smell it, suddenly, the buck smell lean and sharp knifing through the other smells. He eased the rifle out slowly over the stump. Testing the wind he knew there was a deer coming down the gap.

He listened without moving and gradually be began to separate cracklings in the leaves from the wind up the gap, and heard things moving, and thought for one lovely

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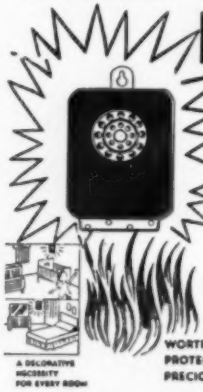

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second that there were at least two in the herd, one for him and one for Billy. Then he realized with a glaring shock that it was not deer but men up ahead, men now beginning to grunt and yell and crash down through the gap near his stand.

His hands whitened on the rifle. Whatever deer there was would not come now. He saw the men plow down through the gorge and up the other side, weaving and chuckling. He watched a beer can sail up into the sky, end-over-end in the afternoon light, and heard them all begin to shoot. They missed. The beer can fell into the leaves below him. They passed on out of sight but there was more shooting. They were going home. It was the best time to hunt, but there was beer back at the camp and a long night ahead, and so they shot at the afternoon.

Borden eased down the hammer on his rifle and stood up. He went a little way up the gap, and then he saw Billy. The boy was sitting out in the open, his cap off, watching the sky. They must have passed right by him, Borden thought.

"Hey," Borden said. He felt himself

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smiling. He sat down and took his hat off and was suddenly happy. Billy smiled once tightly and looked back again to the sky.

"Those clowns come by you?" Borden said.

"Yep."

"There was a buck comin' 'bout that same time. You see him?"

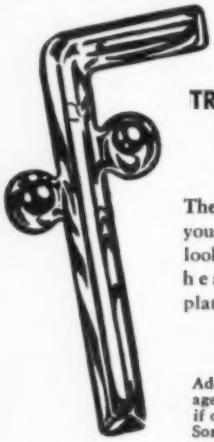
"No."

"Them noisy—"

"That's all right. What the heck. Those guys came out here to play Dan'l Boone. So," Billy shrugged. "Anyway, I saw another buck just a little while ago."

Borden looked into the boy's face. Billy was sitting with his back to a tree and still looking up, not at his father, and there was a lean, weary, expression on his face. He was almost haggard, and Borden was shocked. Why, Borden thought, he's in trouble. The boy's got trouble. And then Billy spoke again, still not looking at him.

"I saw a good-sized buck up there a ways, up near the stream. 6 point, go 200 pounds. Had a good shot. He was all out in the open, just bushes around him, looking down the hill. So I sighted him in and sat there and he stood there and first thing you know, after a while he took off."



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"I didn't shoot. I could've shot, but . . . I didn't. It was just . . . listen, I sat there with a gun, you know, all sighted in, watching that buck, and I felt like a fool. Me with a gun in my hands. Listen, we're all playing Dan'l Boone. Dad, you and me and those clowns that came by. Every year they up and grab a gun and sail out here to the woods forgetting the office and the wife and all the damn rest of it and for a while everyone plays frontier again. You have a gun in your hand and that makes you feel like a man, and if you're lucky some other fake Dan'l Boone scares a deer right into you and if you're even luckier you shoot it, and you feel good and strong—a big strong man, a good old killer like in the old days, bringin' home the meat—but Dad, I ain't Dan'l Boone. I don't want to play. The time for that stuff is over. The wild deer are all dead, and these . . . well I can't kid myself. I want to be a man wherever I am, not only here, not for only a few minutes a year. I want . . ."

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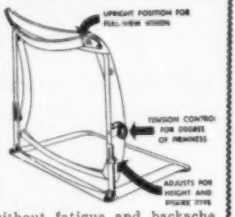

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He let it trial off. It was very quiet in the glade. Borden with his rifle in his hands felt it suddenly heavy and awkward, but he held on to it tightly. He looked away from his son. This was a stiff dose for him to take and he took it in silence, realizing for the first time how troubled the boy had been, and seeing also that this was Billy's way of saying it, that he had to go away. And he was right, of course, he was right in all of it. The woods around Borden became suddenly unreal. He felt old and very foolish.

"Well," Borden said. He stood up. There was still light enough and he had to move on. He bent down and rested a hand on the boy's shoulder, a thing he very seldom did that now hurt him, and also, he saw instantly, hurt the boy, who stared up at him. Borden said: "You do whatever it is. You go your way."

He turned and moved off and then turned back, faltering.

"There's still a little light," he said. "I'll just go on up a little ways. But you go on home. I'll . . . be with you in a little while."

He moved on upward in the red light of the late afternoon. Above him hung the peak, clean and purple and gold, the pink

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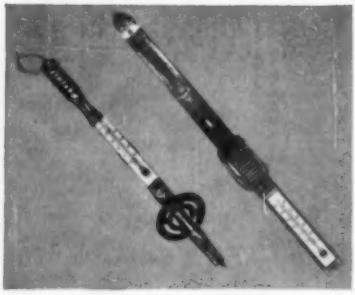

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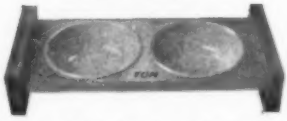
clouds breaking upon it in great silent waves. He turned once and looked back and saw the boy move out of sight among the trees, and he bowed his head.

Three things to love and one dead and now one gone away. But there was still the land, the mountain. He gazed up suddenly, alone, feeling very old, and above him was still the mountain. And he thought: but he's wrong. We *are* Dan'l Boone. Billy is a part of me and a part of everything alive and that's what some of them forget, what their fathers were, where they came from, what a man can be. There is that clean, hard, lonely thing, that animal thing, that you mustn't forget, that too many forget. And that's why you come out here and you are not a fool, you are a whole man.

Under the mountain then he felt suddenly warm and clean. He was whole. He thought fleetingly of telling this to the boy, this answer, but knew he would not. Billy would find it all alone. Man lives on the earth, and has a place on the earth, and this he finds alone.

So the old man, quiet again and enormously alive, moved evenly on into the woods, where a great buck waited in the silence. •

CAT-BAR



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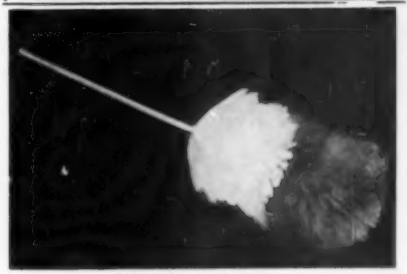

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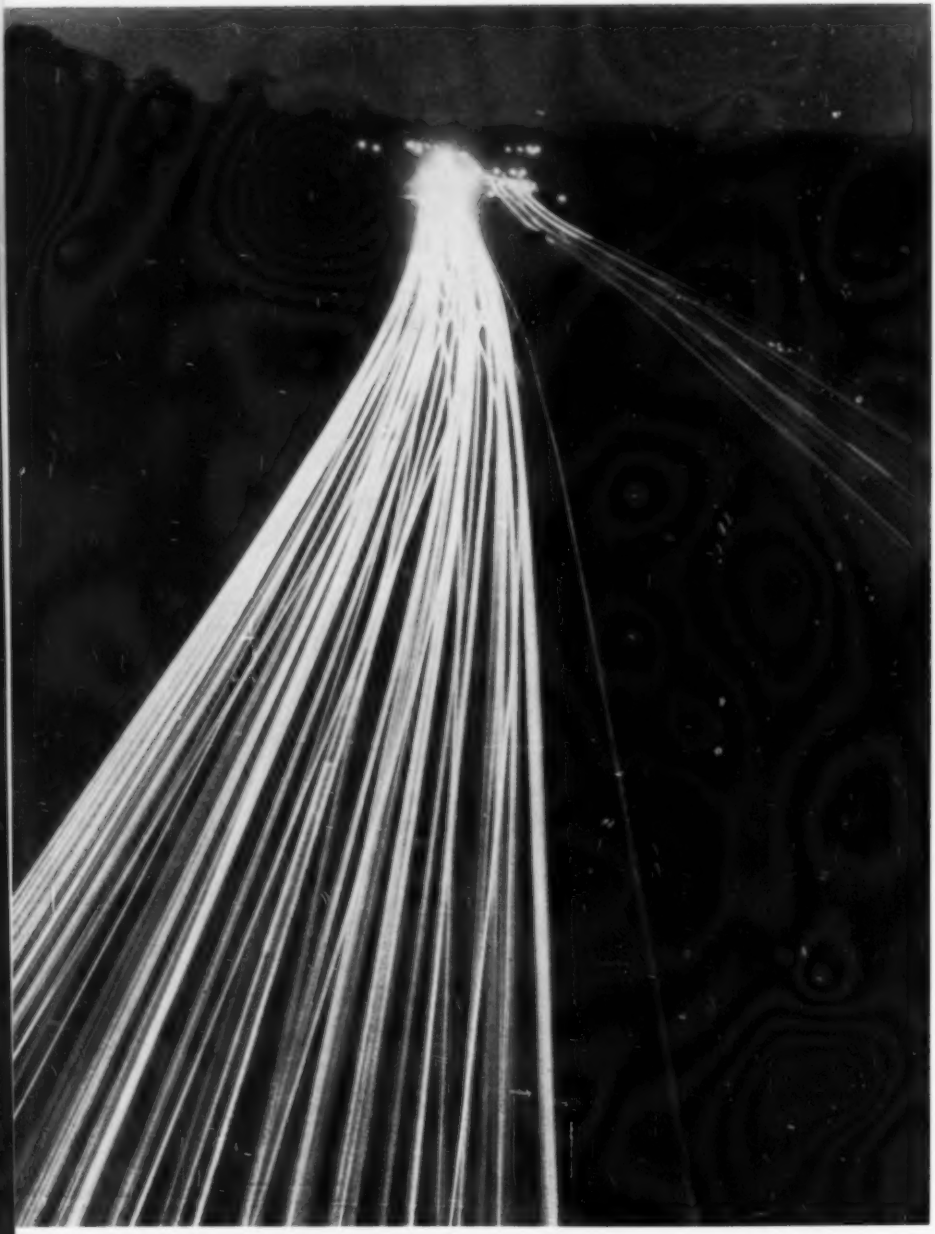

Above: the holiday trek—Wilbur Cross Parkway, Connecticut. Left: a survivor finds plenty of fresh snow on Route 101, New Hampshire.

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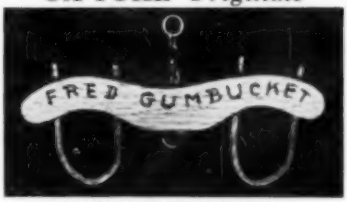

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Would like a scooter to go to stores with. What do you want? Have a practically new pop-up toaster, large and new bird cage and more. D400 N. Y.

Have old concertina in good condition, made by Lachenal & Co., London. Wood case. Need projector to take 2¼" x 2¼" slides. D401 Mass.

Have good wedding ring sets cheap. Hand loomed handbags all colors. Hand crocheted hat black and gold chenille and a box of antiques. Will swop for a good mink stole, small diamond chip rings of loose stones, a dinner ring, and 8mm movie projector, or a cashmere long coat. D402 Tenn.

What have you for man's ice skates, size 12; old coffee grinder, antique toaster, 23 small louvers, old postcards, all good condition. D403 Ind.

Want pair of pins for oxen yoke. What do you want? D404 Mass.

Want large sized windows suitable to enclose piazza. Have nearly new stocking knitting machine and extras to swop. D405 Mass.

Would like to swop favorite recipes. D406 O.

Will swop hooked rug woolens for back copies of Down East—New Hampshire and Vermont magazines in good condition. D407 Me.

Have to swop: Thimbles, old silver tooth pick holder, Paisley shawl, old tintype pictures, 2 old oil paintings in gilt frames. What have you? D408 N. J.

Want brown crocks or jars with covers, (Bennington Ware); also white ironstone or colored glass bottles.

Have: pewter water pitcher, stainless steel birdcage on stand, new warming tray (electric) with casserole covered dish and coffee pot to match. D409 N. Y.

Have three silver forks, (fair condition) very old-name of "Smith" in script on front. Want a genuine "Currier and Ives" print, prefer one entitled "Home For Thanksgiving." D410 Conn.

For swop: State Maps 1836 for Civil War items. D411 Mo.

Swop delicious canned chicken, other foods, print feed sacks, girls dresses, ladies coat, suits, dresses, size 36 to 40 for aprons, dishes, crocheted articles. D412 O.

Swop dental drill complete-handpiece, rheostat (speed control), support etc. Extra hand piece and all accessories. Want B&L 7x35 binoculars or equal, jade oriental curios, flint lock or percussion pistols, repeater pocket watch or what have you? D413 N. Y.

Have II-Old cabinet Makers planes fine condition, 35-Old Almanacs from 1907 to 1935, 25-Old Bonds, Old Dough Mixer, Old Cherry Seeder. Want Indian Head Cents or what? D414 O.

Old glass head light covers, rugs, couch cover, red fox neck piece, violin, old skillet, stereoscope views for old coffee mill, tatting shuttles. D415 Ia.

Wanted: button shoes, ladies high lace shoes, beer steins, stuffed owls, etc, two seat bicycle, high front wheel bicycle, old magic lantern, deer heads, etc., old hand crank sewing machine. What-U-Want? D416 O.

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Have new all wool crocheted afghan, crocheted cotton rag chair seat, other articles. Your list for mine. D417 Wisc.

Civil War letters and envelopes from Navy ships needed for collection. Have old pine chest with painting of sailing ship on top and Gloucester captain's name on front. D418 R. I.

Wanted: Colorful old watch fobs, stick pins, watch chain and slides. Have nice new novelty jewelry, shoes size 11, other ladies articles for swop. D419 Mass.

Have limed oak, 2 tier, glass top coffee table 22" x 44" with 2 bottom drawers, and two matching step end tables 20" x 28", with drawers. Brass pulls. Excellent condition. Will swop for hutch, harvest table, Grandfather clock, or canopy bed. D420 N. H.

Have "out of the ordinary" handmade articles. Would like a standard typewriter in good condition. D421 Me.

License plates wanted from all states, especially old or uncommon plates from Massachusetts. D422 Mass.

Have small lot of radio parts to swop for portable set or what have you? D423 Mass.

Want paper dolls. Will swop postcards, foreign imports, shakers, postcards. D424 Wash.

OBOE-Modified Conservatory System. Swop for Brass Clarinet, 16mm movie projector or what have you? D425 N. H.

Have Michigan black walnuts. Do you have paper shell pecans or hazel nuts or what? D426 Mich.

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Have new lighter and ladies Ronson shaver, 2 pl. shaving mugs, Lilly salt and pepper, wool embroidery, antique pin cushion. Want squeeze box (instrument). D428 N. Y.

Have an English ground, Sheffield Steel straight edge razor & Salm Rock Hone, also 2 pewter fruit stands with handle. Very old. Will swop for wool braided rug. D429 Ia.

Have one brand new Freeman Headbolt Engine Heater Model 37C, will fit Ford farm tractor, all models thru 1952, and all models of Ford-Ferguson. What have you? D430 Wisc.

Have 11½" doll dress as Santa Claus in hand crocheted clothes, also Merry Christmas doll 11½ dress in hand crocheted clothes. Will swop for old, new or used souvenir or unusual spoons. D431 Mass.

Have shoe ice skates, several sizes, typewriter, camera, antique ring, electric broiler, violin, railroad watch, ship's lantern, foot warmer, old Mark Twain books, Bantam chickens. Want to swop? D432 N. Y.

Will swop my junk for your junk. Send your list for mine. D433 Pa.

Swop data on Towne families living in Worcester County, Mass. before 1800 and their descendants. D434 Ia.

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Will swop Rubber Stamp making machine—can be used to make all kinds of Rubber Stamps and plates. Need a 3 x 5 or larger hand printing press in fair condition. D436 Mass.

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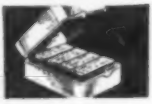

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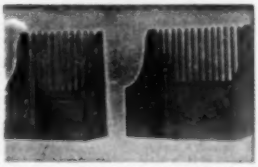

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King of the Road

Authors, says this writer, are real suckers for speaking in public for no pay. Hence the fishy illustrations.

by RICHARD HALLET

WRITERS GET THE CALL TO MAKE speeches for nothing oftener than others, I imagine. For one thing, their time is their own; and then the general impression is that they work for nothing anyway.

There was that old lady on Linekin Neck who asked a friend of mine "What does that man Hallet do?"

"Do? Why, he writes stories."

"Well I know that. But what does he do for a living?"

There was a harder question. It couldn't be answered by saying I made speeches to women's Monday Clubs because those were not commercial transactions at all. They were given free. I think it was my wife who first loaned me out to those dear ladies.

"I've told them you'll be glad to talk to them," she said.

The word "glad" is often thoughtlessly used. Somebody once called me up and asked me to be pall-bearer at a friend's funeral, and I said, "I'll be glad to." It just slipped out.

As for the Monday Club talk, my wife said, "It'll be good experience."

I suppose it was. The time may come when the fact that I have spoken to the Monday Club may stand me in good stead. It was a luncheon date, and I found at my plate a cigar with a pink ribbon tied round it. My friend Doc Rockwell's stationery announces that he has been a Maker of Fine Cigar Ashes since 1889.

But the demand for cigar ashes is not steady.

Of course the ladies might argue that they were not paid for listening to me, and they would have a point there.

Still, if they fell sick, they wouldn't dream of having in a doctor and asking

for a free prescription. Or if the sink plugged up, they would hardly have the temerity to ask the plumber to come in and fool around the pipes "just for the experience."

But in some mysterious way a speaker is different. He is merely manipulating for their benefit the column of air that rises from the midriff to the larynx. Free air. There's no charge for that even when it is pumped into your tires.

Let alone my wife, my boss used to put me out on loan to make speeches for him. I don't know why. I had, to begin with, as little faculty for that sort of thing as any man living.

I am excessively shy, for one thing. And getting up before an audience is a formidable and dread moment. A famous senator once told me that on the occasion of his first speech he fainted outright. I have never quite done that, but I have come near it. My first public address—I didn't get paid for that either—was when I graduated from the grammar school and had to deliver Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

I wore a little swallow-tailed black coat, my legs were straddled to take a firmer grip of the platform, and the westering sun was at my back. The shadows of those tiny tails streamed forward and the trembling of those shadows was no encouragement to a young fellow with a speech to make.

In the end I learned to get up and speak without being quite between a sweat and a shiver; but only through dogged effort. Nothing but skill born of practice can bring this faculty into bloom and such skill should have a price.

Yet people persisted in inviting me to speak for nothing—or for out-of-pocket expenses. For gasoline, perhaps.

And I was just weak enough to be cajoled into doing it. No doubt I was in love with that sweetest sound by which a man's ears can be beguiled—the sound of his own voice.

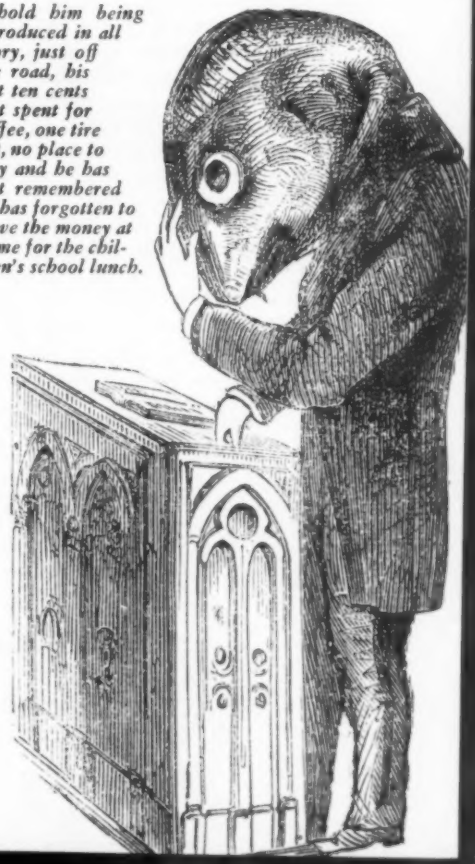
Yes, I think it likely. And then in general, like Oliver Goldsmith, in casual conversation I found it hard to break in. Other people, less self-conscious people, took the words out of my mouth. But when I rose to make a speech, all mouths but mine were stopped. People willy-nilly had to listen.

A young friend of mine, a trucker, tells me it's the joy of his life to drive one of these big modern trucks. "I get going in one of these things and I am King of the Road," he says, "and you don't get that feeling in an ordinary car."

King of the Road. Yes, for better or worse, the man at the speaker's table is precisely that; and this must account for the compliant mood in which a man embraces a chance to speak for nothing. This makes a buyers' market, of course.

You get up on your feet and people, who would turn you a deaf ear in ordinary mixed conversation, have to listen to you. You are another man, transported into another world.

However dull your speech, you are



Behold him being introduced in all glory, just off the road, his last ten cents just spent for coffee, one tire flat, no place to stay and he has just remembered he has forgotten to leave the money at home for the children's school lunch.

He remembers how he slaved over this speech while the toastmaster drones on interminably.

King of the Road notwithstanding. You are a Juggernaut and have it in your power to flatten everybody under your rollers.

Yet even so, working for nothing is, as my friend Judge Brackett used to say, "tedious, monotonous, and irksome."

Of course as we all know, there is a lot of unwitting working for nothing in this world. Every business has bad debts. And then again you may work for money and then lose the money.

I remember as a young man working on top of a mountain in Australia. My partner and I were breaking rock up there. We were blasting out a half-million-gallon reservoir which would be filled by pumping up water from an adjacent river, and this reservoir would serve as water supply to a small town thirty miles away.

We had our homemade flat-bottomed boat moored at the foot of the mountain and slept aboard every night. Then in the morning we puffed up those coiling sheep trails and began slugging the rock with fifteen-pound hammers.

It was enough to break the heart even of professional rock men—navvies they were called. We got paid in silver florins and every night we put a few more florins into a tin tobacco box called the Welcome Nugget.

I can tell you it was blistering hot on top of that mountain. And by the third day we were poke-blowed and besides had big fat blood blisters on our hands.

So we quit. We went back to our boat and shoved off down the river. Then we had the bad luck to wreck the boat,—tore the bottom out of it against a big gum tree that had fallen across the river. Down went the Welcome Nugget to the bed of the river.

We stripped and went diving after our lost fortune but we never got it back.

So for three sulphurous days we had been working like fiends for nothing, but we didn't know it at the time. We only found out afterwards. . .

But to go into it open-eyed is worse than that. It's a fool's bargain. I thought of what seemed to me a clever way to avoid it. I attached myself to a lecture bureau. I said to my wife, "Now if anybody asks me to speak, I can simply refer them to my agent."

Ah, but on the very threshold of this new life, I found myself speaking for nothing again.

My agent suggested that I appear before a group of women program chairmen in Boston. If they liked me, they might of course hire me.

I stood up before those two hundred women, and that too was a dread moment. I felt as if I were back on that Australian mountain with my fifteen-pound hammer. Smite, smite, smite, turn that audience-block of granite this way and that, looking for the line of cleavage. A good rock man would turn it a certain way and give it

"How foolish can you feel?" is all he can think as his turn appears to be drawing near.

one tap and it would fall in two like a dry cracker.

But I was not a good rock man. I hammered and hammered at the rock-hard hearts of these dear ladies in vain. I felt a rill of sweat down my spine, but my audience, that feminine block with no cleavage, that rock with no grain, that monster of solidarity fixed its collective eye on me with a watchful and calculating stare. My best quips fell off that implacable surface like dried mud off a wall.

Now and then I saw one of them jotting something in her notebook. I brought the hammer down again with a full overhead swing, and with what I supposed a detonating force; but it bounced off that rock, jarred me to the marrow and all but stopped my heart. Not a crack appeared, not a smile, nothing to indicate so much as a glint of common humanity. If I was King of the Road, I was a king without a crown.

Well I had been working for nothing again as it turned out. One of the ladies stopped me in the corridor and said to me, "You've got voice enough for it of course, and you really do speak from the midriff you know. But do you seem to yourself to have conviction?"

I had at least the conviction that I had spoken for nothing for the last time.

But the conviction didn't hold. I kept on speaking "for the experience." I spoke to audiences big and little; to audiences that were oppressively stolid, and again to audiences that were too mellow—as, to a large group of harness horsemen who had dined too well and who laughed madly before I could even open my mouth, and bombarded me with hard biscuits and fried fish.

There was a new kind of experience if you like.

Then there was the day when the Liberty ship *Nordica* was launched at the South Portland shipyard. Nordica of course had been one of Maine's most noted singers; and a Metropolitan star was on hand to sing some of the songs the great soprano had made famous.

This was Marie Doree. We stood together on a platform and I thought what a beautiful living figurehead the lady

On his feet at last and "King of the Road." But the audience, by now, wants to go home.

made for the new ship. But then rain fell in buckets. The figurehead got very draggled. Over us was a canvas roof stretched on pipe frames, but there was a hole in the canvas through which solid water positively funnelled.

As Master of Ceremonies it was my duty to push the lady to one side, and take the force of that water spout on my own neck. God helping me, I could do no other. She rose bravely to the occasion. Her loosened hair lashed in her eyes, her round throat swelled, and she sang full against the shriek of the wind and the lash of the rain.

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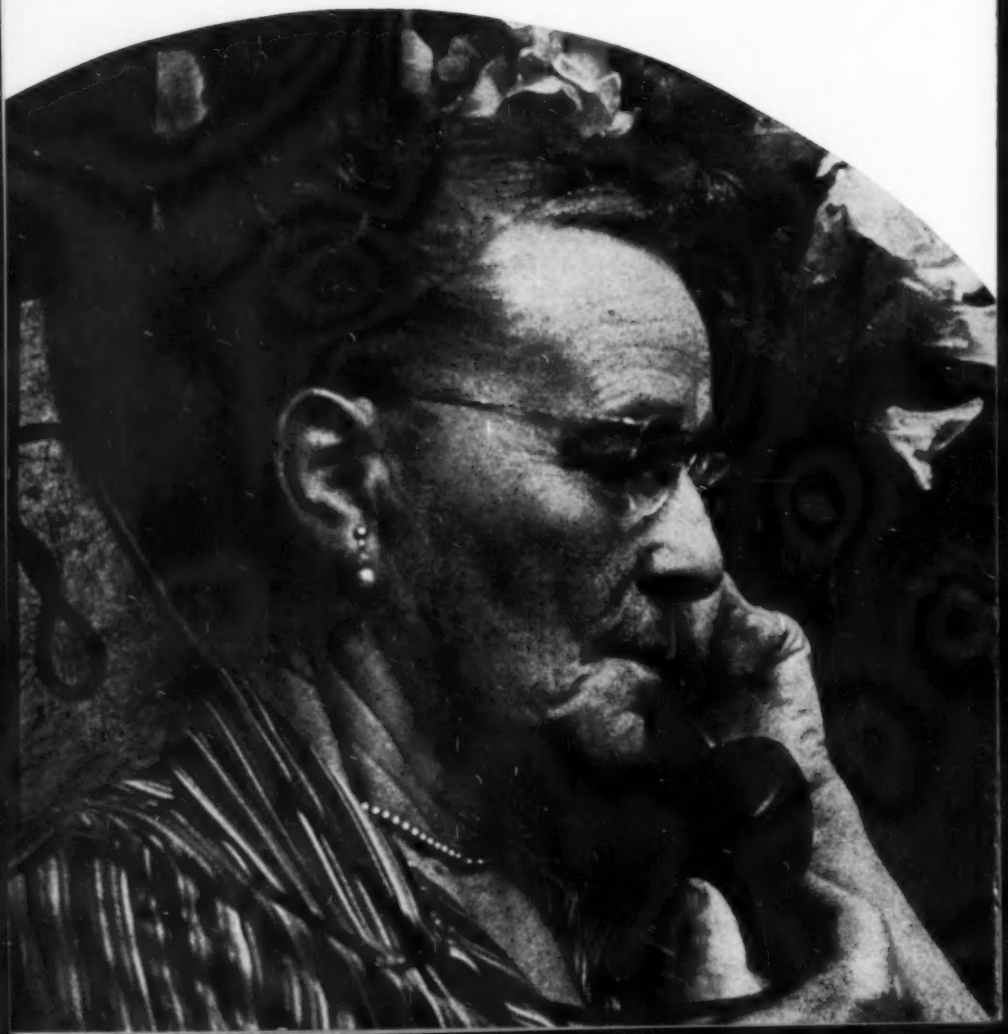
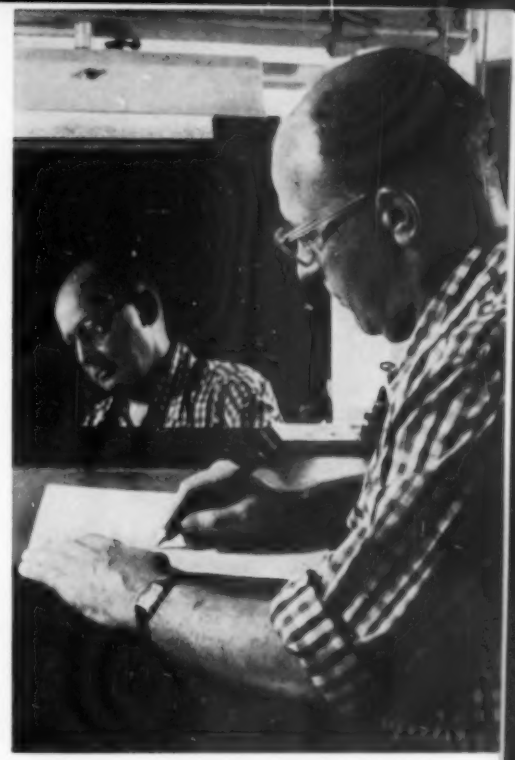
Needs more than spy glasses to find a laugh anywhere but perhaps he can find the exit.

Personality Portfolio





CHON DAY

by H. M. Hofford

Since I was a little fellow my ambition was to draw and to live on an island," says Chon Day, popular cartoonist. "So here I am in Rhode." No islander could be more removed from the workaday world than is Chauncey Addison Day when, on workanight schedule in his study at Westerly, he creates characters like "Brother Sebastian." In 1956 he became Best Gag Cartoonist of the Year. The Days have three sons. "I wanted to paint glamorous girls but discovered I couldn't draw anything beautiful. One day I sold a cartoon. Since then I've been so busy I never had time to learn to draw." What an understatement!

"AUNT EVA" BROWN

by L. F. Willard

Several dozen diabetics are certain that "Aunt Eva" Brown of St. Albans, Vermont has helped them live normal, happy lives. Sometimes doctors there give her name and phone number to new diabetic cases because, as she says, "Mostly people need to talk to someone who has the same disease they have and who has lived a long and happy life in spite of it." She thinks that a diabetic should never be inactive. "Work, exercise, play if you want to live long, and the right mental outlook helps a great deal. Many diabetics seem to get depressed. I've always been the happy type and talking with me seems to give people a lift." Aunt Eva, now seventy-two, has been a diabetic for thirty-six years at least. Her grandfather died of diabetes. Her mother and a maternal aunt did not have it but Eva and her brothers and sisters all did. She believes that diabetes develops as a result of worry and strain, though the tendency is inherited. Because of her sensible attitude about this disease her phone often rings, and with good cheer she settles herself in a chair to listen attentively and to give advice, encouragement, and reassurance if needed.

by JOSEPH A. OWENS

A Famed Replica of the Holy Town

Waterbury, Connecticut, looks up almost daily at the cross and 125 acre "Bethlehem" constructed for all to see on its Pine Hill.

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Gracing the side of Pine Hill is a replica in miniature of Christ's birthplace, Bethlehem. And at the summit, silhouetted against the sky, stands a thirty-two-foot high cross dedicated to world peace.

The Peace Cross, fashioned in stainless steel, brilliantly reflects the sun's rays during the day and at night, through a series of fluorescent tubes, delivers a sermon in lights visible throughout the city.

Each evening about dusk the Peace Cross is lit with one or more of its four different colors. Red is used to denote martyrdom; and green, hope, both expressions of Free World sentiments for persecuted people behind the Iron Curtain.

During periods requiring penance by Christians, purple outlines the cross and on glorious feasts such as Christmas and Easter a radiant white glow transmits the joyful message.

A few hundred yards below, almost in proportion to the six miles separating Jerusalem and Bethlehem, nestles the 125-piece permanent Nativity Scene. The inscription above the entrance gate mirrors the feelings of its architects, "O Little Town Of Bethlehem, The Hopes And Fears Of All The Years Are Met In Thee."

Right: This photograph would almost make one believe there were cameras 1959 years ago.

Both day and night this thirty-two-foot high cross is Waterbury's constant reminder of the meaning of Christmas. Below is the replica (about three feet high) of the Temple in Bethlehem with its elegant white pillars and gold dome.

Converting a desolate wasteland into a prayer kept a small army busy in home workshops for nearly three years. The idea was conceived by a diminutive grey-haired attorney, John B. Greco, and an energetic railroad inspector, Anthony J. Coviello. The Peace Cross was the first phase.

After obtaining permission to use privately-owned Pine Hill, the pair mobilized work groups to design, construct, assemble and electrically wire the cross. The toil by eager, but often clumsy, enlistees was polished by volunteer tradesmen.

In the foreground (above) is a Roman chariot parked for the night while just beyond is "Mary's Well." This Peace Village has attracted thousands since last December.

"There came wise men from the East" is the inscription over the eastern entrance.

On a cold Saturday in November, 1956, armed with borrowed equipment and inflexible determination, the men shouldered their cross and conquered Pine Hill's rugged terrain. Because a ready-mix cement truck could not negotiate the steep grade, the ten tons of cement in which the Peace Cross is moored had to be carried up the hill in buckets. The brigade numbered 110.

From the peak these mission-bent men descended back to their cellars and began shaping a portrayal of the Christmas story. Using plywood, stucco, metal screens, cement, and anything adaptable, the dedicated artisans brought the humble Palestinian hill town to New England.

The Biblical marks needed to relate the eternal story accurately are clearly represented. There is the temple with elegant white pillars and gold dome, Herod's gilded palace, David's home, the tax lega-

". . . for the complex search of Truth as it originated or the simple, everyday consciousness of our Lord can bring us toward an understanding with ourselves—and others." (Raklin)

tion office, Rachel's tomb, Jacob's well, the inn, the poor peasants' semitrogolodytic hutches, Roman chariots parked for the night, the donkey standing guard, and the simple cave in which the Messiah was born.

Not a shrine, simply a distinctive reminder of the first Christmas, this Peace Village has attracted thousands since opening last December. There is no charge for walking through the archways and over pebbled paths to inspect the structures, all between two and three feet high.

The men who forged the Peace Cross and implanted the panoramic interpretation of ancestral Bethlehem humbly prefer to remain cloaked in anonymity, allowing their beacon to speak for them.

That it does is demonstrated by Waterbury's habit of beginning and ending each day with a look toward Pine Hill—for the message coming from the East.

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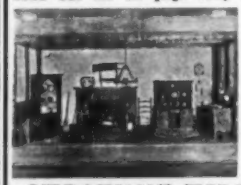

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King of the Road

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courage that little woman had," someone said to me later.

"Courage, yes," I agreed. "Courage, but also a thousand dollars for the afternoon's work. That helps sustain courage."

Yes, I have to confess that I had the jealous throb of that thought too. There was Marie earning her thousand dollars, and there was I in the selfsame downpour at the old business of working for nothing.

What did she have that I didn't have? Well, looks for one thing. And then—a voice. Good heavens, what a voice!

And Metropolitan singers are not asked to sing for nothing.

That voice was a far cry from my "barbaric yawp"; but I maintain that my job was harder than Marie's. Because, for one thing, the *Nordica* refused to budge. She clung to the land as if she had heard some rumor that all these Liberty ships were being torpedoed as fast as they were launched.

I heard the hiss of the blow torches cutting through that leaf of steel which—

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by hypothesis—was not all that held her to the land. And still she didn't go.

I threw back a haunted look at her glittering prow, and yelled to those thousands below me, "She *wants* to go"—and yet nothing was plainer than the fact that she didn't want to go.

It's a hard moment for any speaker when he has run through his prepared material and now must forge out into the nebulae of Ad Lib. For a while I told stories of Nordica; then in desperation reached back to Nordica's maternal grandfather, Camp Meeting John Allen.

Camp Meeting John had had a horse which balked at a hill; and the stern old man had got out his hymn book and sung a hymn into those laid back ears.

And that horse, all in a twinkling, had got religion and started forward up the hill.

"Here's a balky ship," I cried, "to match that balky horse, and now Miss Doree will try to sing it off the ways."

She was a resourceful woman, no mistake. A glorious burst of sound came from her

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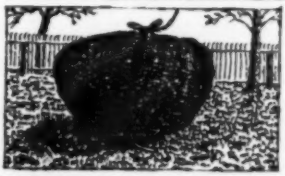

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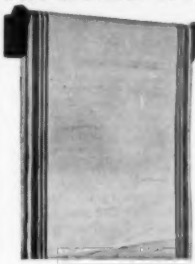

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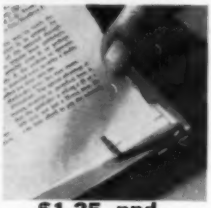

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Williams and Ken Roberts, I recognized that the great god Publicity lurked under the eaves, but those big fellows didn't need publicity. It had just got fixed in their minds that if they were asked to speak, speak they must.

And it was a shattering experience, even for the most experienced. Eight thousand people were gathered there and if we got a titter, the audience quivered like the flank of a horse when a fly lights on it; and when we got a laugh, it was like a muffled rumble from a fathomless deep—a sound that struck terror to our souls.

Even the best of swimmers might go down in such a maelstrom. Indeed it was like a kind of drowning, when all your past life is said to flash before your eyes. A woman's voice cried "Richard, don't you know me? It's Carrie Bassett."

I had a glimpse of a girl I hadn't seen for thirty years. But she was immediately lost in the arms of the police.

When it was all over I said to Ben Ames Williams "How do you feel?"

"Poke-blowed," he puffed.

That good State of Maine expression summed it up. But we both knew that if asked we would be back again next year.

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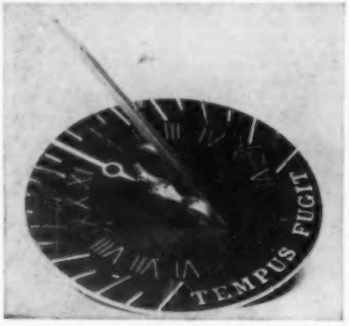

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were "very bad" according to Every Saturday, December 16, 1871 . . . Wonder what that gay publication's editor would have said about our modern subway manners? X!+!#!

MR. HOWELLS, IN ONE OF HIS PAPERS in the *Atlantic Monthly,*—if the magazine is not at hand the reader will find the essay in the author's latest volume, "Suburban Sketches,"—describes a ride from Cambridge to Boston in a horse-car. It should be read in connection with the engraving [on the opposite page]. Both the essay and the picture are admirable for their studies of character, and show us how an artist can lift an every-day experience from out the region of the common-place. It is fair to say that in treating a subject of this kind the writer has a great advantage over the painter. The writer can deal with a succession of *dramatis personæ.* Whenever his characters fail to present striking points, or when they have served their turn, he can stop the car and take in a new lot of people upon which to exercise his skill. The artist, on the contrary, works within limitations, and can present only one set of actors on his scene. We commend to the reader the occupants of the Cambridge horse-car in our illustration, and add as a pendant to the picture this passage from Mr. Howells' pleasant sketch:—

The unfortunate man who for a length of years has been obliged to depend on the horse-car as a means of conveyance to and from his place of business must have noticed a singular alteration in the manners of his fellow-creatures towards women. A few years since it was a rare thing to see a woman standing in a horse-car unless all the seats were occupied by her own delightful sex. Nowadays nothing is more common than to see a dozen or twenty stalwart men placidly retaining their seats, while two or three ladies are clinging convulsively to the hanging straps, and colliding with each other every

time the car stops or begins to move on. The ladies totter and frown, or laughingly make the best of it, as the mood may be, and the gentlemen sit comfortably reading their newspapers, or staring unconcernedly at nothing, as much as to say, "Let the galled jades wince, our withers are unwrung." If by any chance a weak-minded male passenger relinquishes his place,—he is generally a young man, and blushes violently as he does it,—he appears at once to become an object of commiseration to his fellow-travellers, who glance at him wonderingly for a second over the tops of their papers, and then let him drop into merited oblivion.

Our horse-car manners are very bad indeed, and we would say that common courtesy in this respect was quite dead in us, if we had not noticed the alacrity with which seats are given up in favor of aged people, cripples, and women with children in arms. But there is a very sharp line drawn between them and the ordinary lady passenger. If she cannot find a seat, "she can go hang," as the old song says.

This is certainly a great change from that gallantry of behavior which used to make foreigners say that Americans spoiled their women. How did this change come about? We have several theories on the subject, but none of them are wholly satisfactory. Sometimes we think that maybe a long course of riding in horse-cars has blunted our finer feelings; that we have been so pushed and crowded, and treated so like cattle, that we have acquired the manners of cattle. Then we wonder if the cavalier way in which women used to take our seats without thanking us for them has anything to do with it. Then we stray off on to the delicate ground—no-man's-land, we might call it—of woman's rights. Can it be possible we are tacitly admitting that we are no longer their protectors, and, since they will have it so, are willing they should "rough it," like the rest of us? We do not hold obstinately to any of these theories, for they are all humiliating,—as humiliating as the fact that we do not treat woman in the horse-cars with the respect and consideration which we used to show her, and to which she is entitled, everywhere.

The article above, including the introduction, is printed verbatim from Every Saturday. ***As to the below, we'd like to know how anybody found room—with those hoop skirts.***

My Favorite TEN

ARTHUR GRIFFIN (above), photographer extraordinary, takes you to his ten favorite spots in New England—beginning with Boston Harbor.

Shortly after my return from a four months' trip to Europe, where I drove over 14,000 miles and made some 1,500 color photos . . . YANKEE asked me to select my ten favorite spots in New England. I told them that it

would be almost impossible (after all Brigham Young wouldn't tell which gal he preferred) to do for I love all of Yankeeland . . .

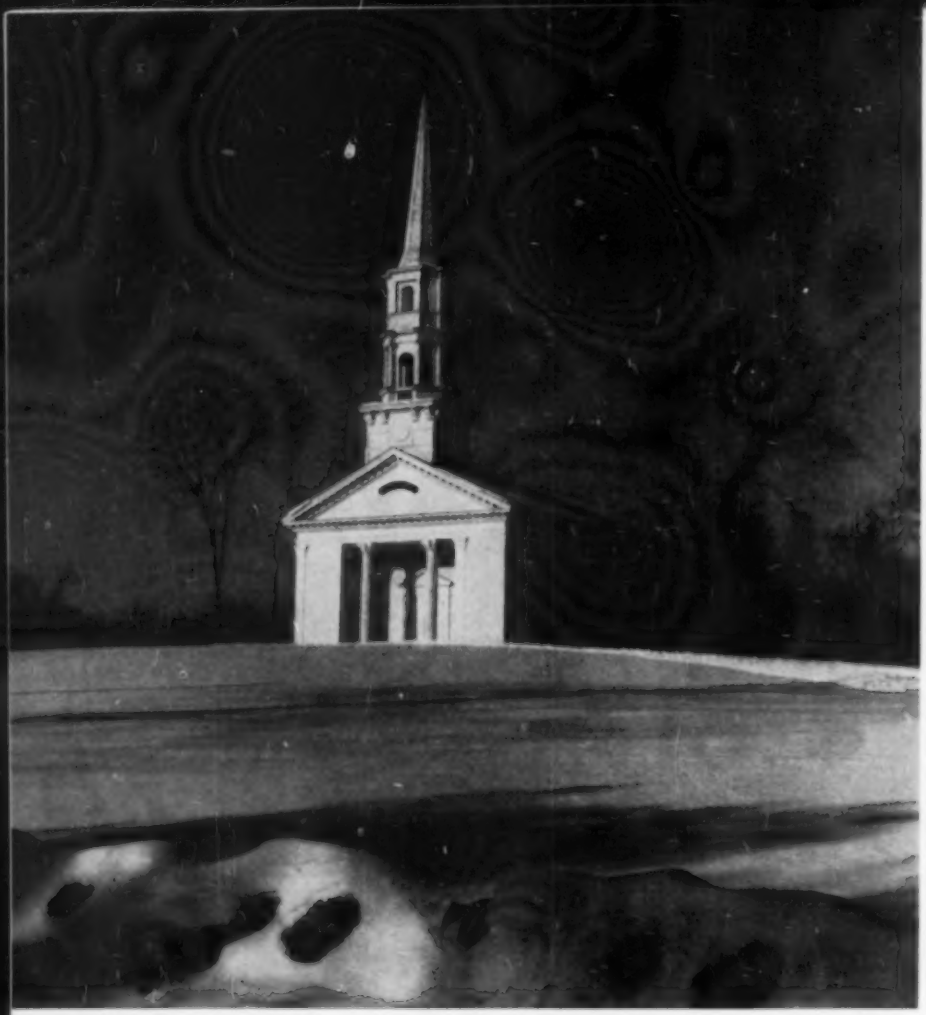
First of all, I'd like to say that I believe that New England offers more for artists, photographers and lovers of beauty than any other section of its size in the world. We really have just about everything in our six states, plus the four seasons and when I say seasons I mean distinct seasons . . . where is the Fall more colorful? Spring more awakening? Summer more delightful and changeable? Winter more photogenic (and cold)?

For the past decade I have driven about 25,000 miles each year . . . most of this mileage is in the towns and villages of New England . . . I know just about all the back roads and have had broken springs, have been hauled out of the spring muds by oxen, horses and tractors . . . Some of my most interesting "one of a kind color shots" were found way up dead-end roads . . .

Now to get to those TEN . . . Boston is definitely the photogenic *city*. My picture book on Beantown (The Boston Book) had some 130 color and black and white photos . . . Which subjects shall I include in my TEN? I feel that Boston Harbor (preceding page) gets my vote for first place.

You must have a lighthouse. Quoddy, way Down East, and Sankaty Head, out on Nantucket, are both plenty colorful but both are also tough to compose for an interesting picture. So I'll say Nubble Light (left) on Cape Nedick, Maine, for the second spot. This lighthouse is surrounded by water, just a stone's throw from the shore, and you don't need a telephoto lens to capture her. But try it on a wild day—shooting through the breaking surf in the foreground.

Thirdly, I'll pick one of the most picturesque villages in New England—East Corinth, Vermont, (below). Peacham might have had my vote but it hasn't as many spectacular angles from which to shoot as has this sleepy Vermont hamlet.



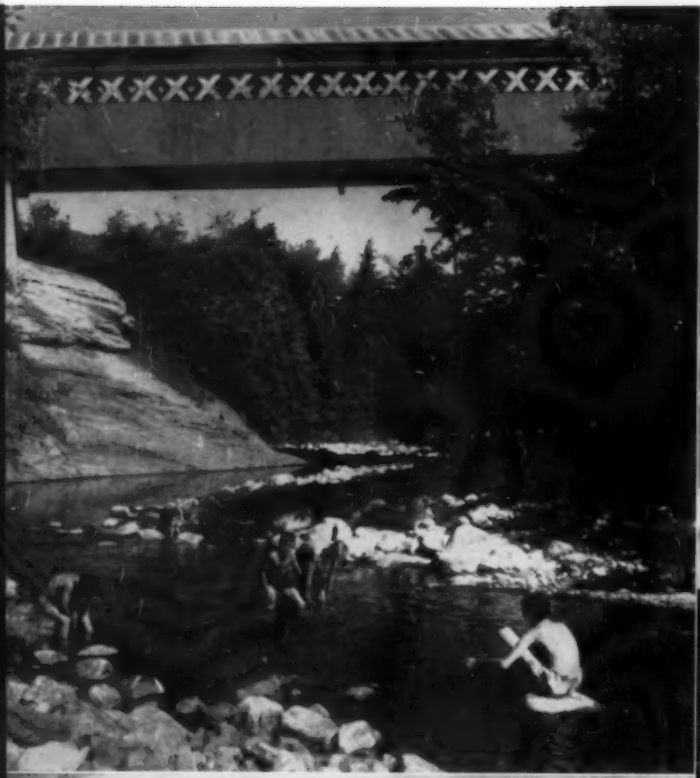
The Martha and Mary Chapel (above) in Sudbury, Massachusetts, is the Church I've photographed the most. It's good from any angle and has no distracting telephone wires or signs to blotch up your view-finder.

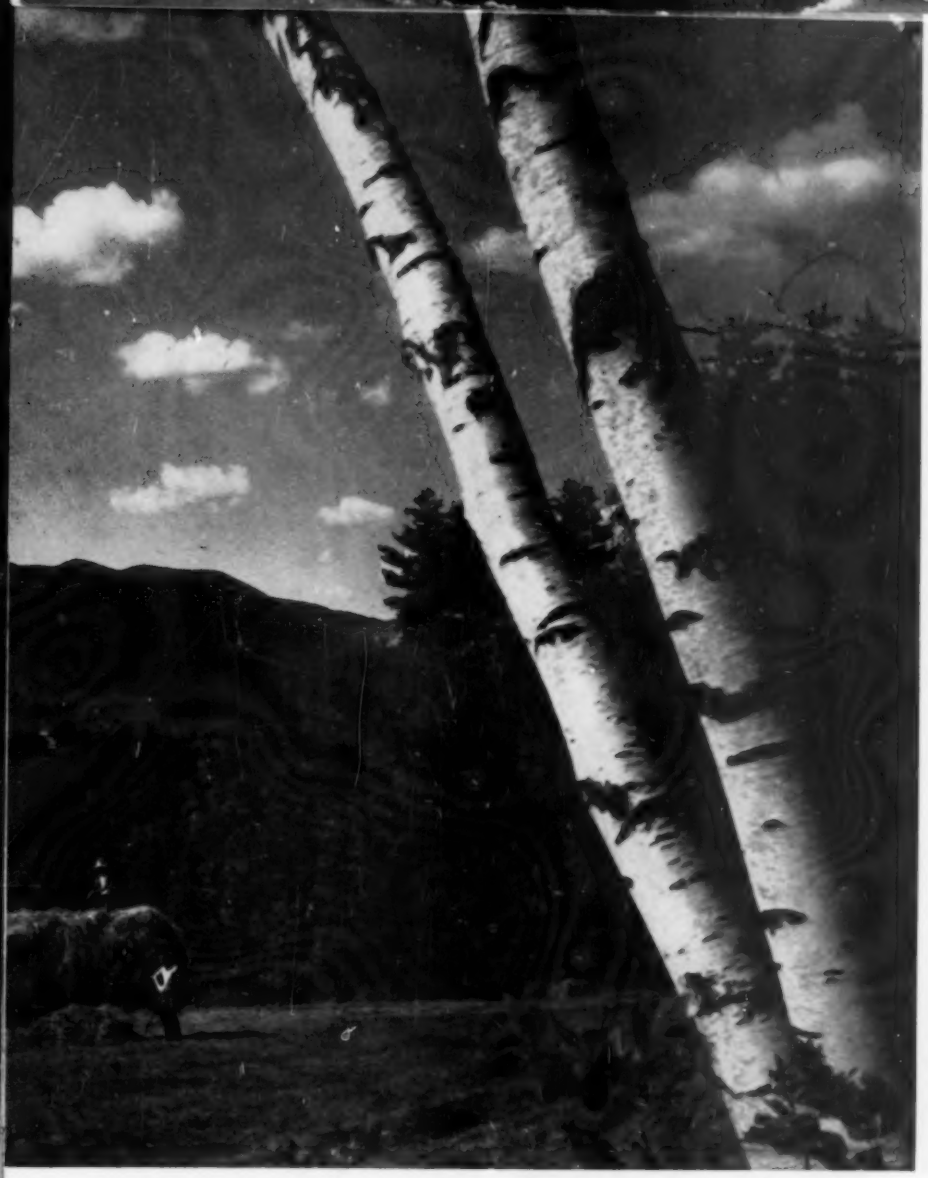
My fifth choice is a photographer's paradise—Stark, New Hampshire. Turn the page and you'll see it in color.

For sixth I can't resist the Massachusetts State Capitol building taken through the Bower Fountain—see page after color print. Below that is Motif #1 in Rockport, Massachusetts—everyone's favorite.

COLORFUL NEW ENGLAND

Stark, New Hampshire, this month's color insert by Arthur Griffin, is the first of a new color series which will continue at least through May, 1960. Each is available to readers—suitable for framing—at 25c each—or $3.50 for the set of 14—now ready at YANKEE, INC. (See page 13 for an opportunity to get this month's print double size or 14 x 17 inches.)





A covered bridge? Of course, it's a must! Out of the couple of hundred covered bridges, the Chistleville Bridge (upper left) in Sunderland, Vermont, gets my vote. The setting is beautiful—high above the sparkling waters of the Battenkill River.

It's to Maine again for my favorite fishing cove—Back Cove (left).

I don't think Mt. Chocorua, New Hampshire, (above) is the most photogenic mountain in New England—but shots through those birches on Route 16 seem to disagree. Well, those are my "ten." What are yours?

This photograph (right) shows the highlight of the painting, measuring 400 feet long, which hung for five years in a specially erected building in Boston—1884-1889.

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building and reached down fifty feet to within twenty feet of the floor. It would have measured 400 feet long if stretched flat. A center platform for spectators, reached by a short flight of steps, could accommodate 300.

The building which housed the Cyclorama was erected in the center of a large lot bounded by Tremont, Berkeley and Clarendon Streets, and Warren Avenue. To find any exterior suggestions today of the original building, one must climb iron stairways to the roof where watch towers and serrated battlements frown. From the street these are now barely visible.

The very first Cyclorama of Gettysburg was shown in Chicago in 1882. It was done by the noted war painters Henri E. F. Philippoteaux and his son, Paul. Paul spent weeks on the historic battlefield making sketches based on war photographs and records at Washington, and he talked with both Northern and Southern Generals. He then decided to center the picture around General Pickett's ill-fated charge on the third and decisive day of the battle, July 3, 1863.

The painting took Chicago by storm, and Charles L. Willoughby, a clothing merchant who conceived the idea, decided to move it to Boston. The objection of civic and business leaders was, however, too strenuous so the determined Willoughby had it duplicated by Paul Philippoteaux. The cost was $20,000, or one dollar a square foot.

Interest in the Cyclorama, which Willoughby managed in Boston, lasted for some six months. When the enthusiasm waned, the picture was withdrawn and exhibited in other eastern cities. Then it disappeared. Before the turn of the century, it came back to Boston in a metal drum crated with boards, to lie beside a fence in a weed-grown vacant lot on Warren Avenue from 1896 to 1901. The long crate became the subject of speculation by a BOSTON JOURNAL reporter. Its owner was found and a department store owner in Newark, New Jersey, intrigued by the reporter's story, sent a representative to look at the painting. Examination showed that the picture was in fair condition, and it was purchased. However, when the entire canvas was viewed, considerable damage was found so that torn parts had to be removed and the painting touched up. Its size was reduced from fifty to thirty feet high and from 400 to 364 feet long.

After a showing in Newark, the Cyclorama vanished again until, in 1913, it appeared in Gettysburg—the 50th anniversary of the battle. In 1942 the National Military Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior secured the original Boston painting for its Gettysburg Park and it hangs there today in a new building marked "Pickett's Charge by Philippoteaux."

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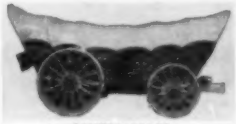

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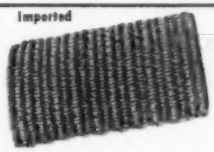

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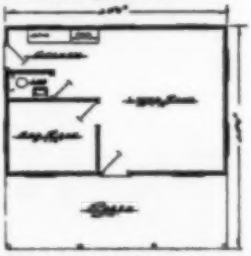

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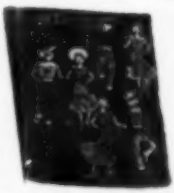

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by Eric Wahleen

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"This 'big surprise' for Aunt Helen has to be wrapped for under the tree and no back talk from you, Charlie," says the "little woman."
"Yes, stupid, the wire, too!"

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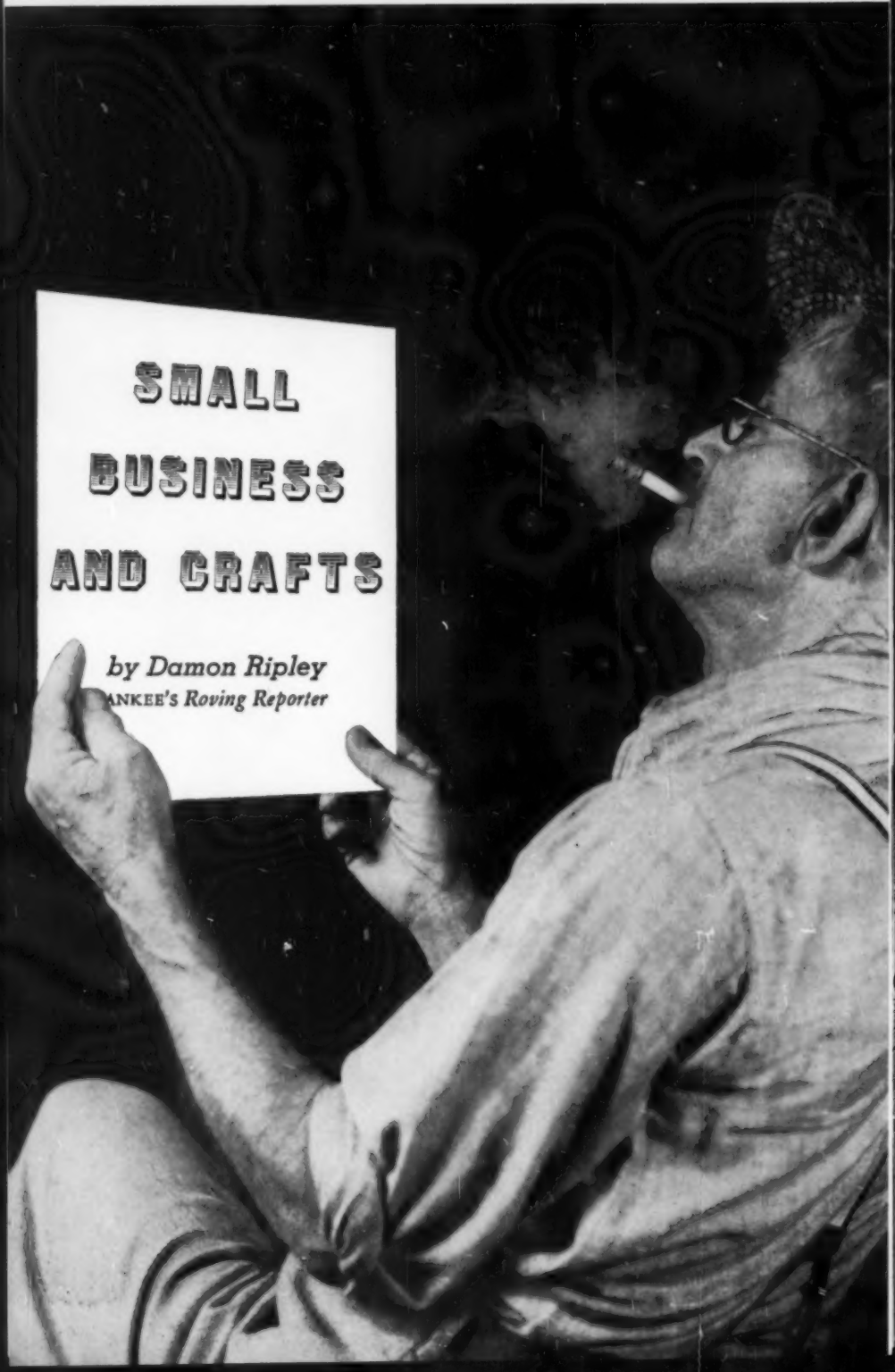
In the wee small hours when "nothing is stirring, not even a mouse," Charlie, a mechanic by trade, decides in his despair that the joke is really not on him at all—it's on Aunt Helen!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BUSINESS
AND CRAFTS
by Damon Ripley
ANKEE'S Roving Reporter

This month's "roving" includes worms, an 1801 Town Meeting, pearl snowflakes and an honest-to-goodness whitesmith.

►In these days of mechanization, robots and electronic brains there still remains one fine craft which requires patient, skilled, hand work. This is true of the making of fine leather handbags and belts. A recognized artisan in this craft is Bruce Adams of Blue Wheel on the "Route of the Craftsmen" in West Barnstable, Massachusetts.

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It might be noted that this man has the genuine modesty of all skilled craftsmen. Regarding his own work, he shrugs it off quietly with, "All you do is just cut'em up and put on designs." To contradict gently, there is much more to it than meets the eye.

Frances Blake

►There are few retired people who do not have some sort of hobby—but many never think to use their hobby as both a pastime *and* a source of income. Take, for instance, fly tying. Daniel Stevens of West Gouldsboro, Maine, a retired forest products engineer, ties over four hun-

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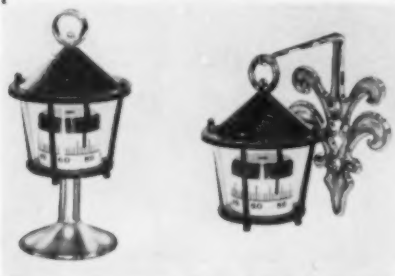

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J. R. Crane

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D. M. Howe

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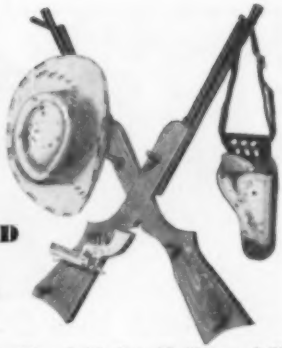

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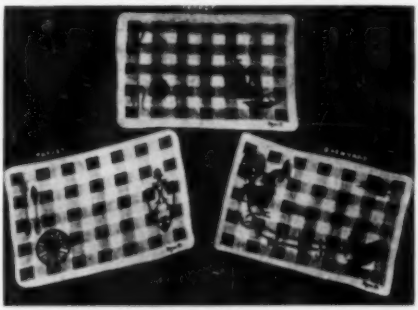

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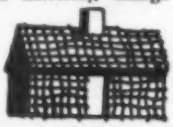

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Robert Allison of Athol, Massachusetts.

►Every so often during my "roving" duties, I run across something truly exceptional and unusual. Such was the case in October when I was shown the "snowflakes" and buttons created by Robert Allison of Athol, Massachusetts. Mr. Allison carves these snowflakes and buttons out of mother of pearl using dentist's tools, and the results are beyond description in their detailed workmanship and beauty. Some items have taken him 140 hours to complete, while the average time spent on each is about fifty hours.

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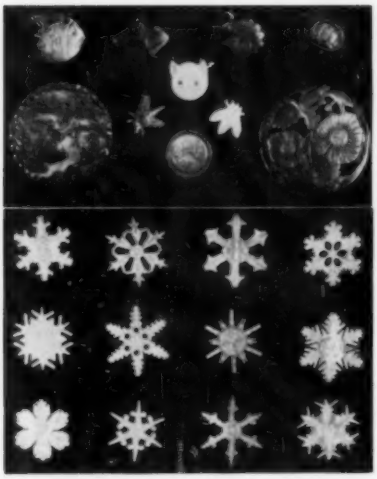
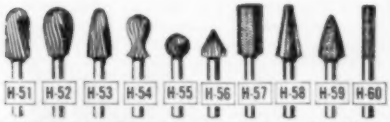


Buttons and snowflakes from pearls.

and other woods) to finely carved outdoor scenes with three and four characters carved onto a single button one and a half inches in diameter.

As for the snowflakes, Mr. Allison is believed to be the only man to carve such designs from mother of pearl—since the early Egyptians. However, it's really not surprising that others have not used this medium when you consider the long hours and exceptional skill necessary in working with pearl.

No, I'm not going to say, "Why not send for some for Christmas," because Mr. Allison's hobby *is* a hobby, and he does no



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►If you'd like a quick trip back to the Seventeenth Century, stop in at 142 West Main Street in Milford, Connecticut. The sign over the door here reads: "The Tinker Shop, John G. Burk, Whitesmith." Behind the small-paned windows of this beautifully restored house (known as the "Colonel Stephen Ford House" since 1710) are displayed wooden, tin and tole ware such as might have been shown in the same place two hundred years ago. Mr. Burk himself is the "Whitesmith," the term given in early times to the craftsman in tin and other "white" metals—as opposed to the "Blacksmith," who worked in iron. The whitesmith in his day was also called the tinsmith, or "the tinker." Thus the name. The Tinker Shop.

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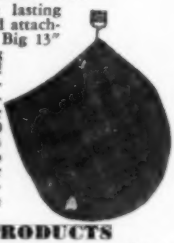

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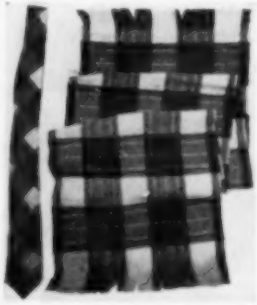

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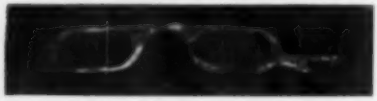

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There is much more that should be said about this shop (a book could easily be written about the house itself) but at this time I'll merely suggest that you personally visit it. (It is open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Saturday during the winter season.)

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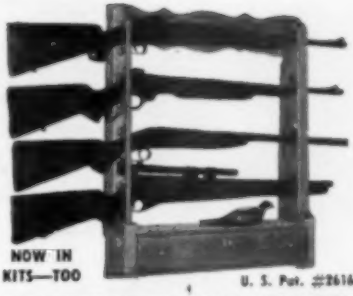

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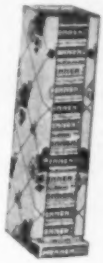

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YULE PLANS

by MARJORY HALL

"THE TROUBLE WITH VACATIONS," COMplained one philosophical young 'un, "is that they're for grown-ups." While, like most generalizations, this one presents something of an exaggeration, there is a kernel of truth in there somewhere. We've all seen the young and the bored towed through museums and exhibits that were never designed for the age group, and sitting disconsolately at the edge of a tennis court watching their elders play a brisk game. Some vacations are like the electric train bought for Junior who's lucky if he gets a chance to play with it. In other words, "let's go to so-and-so, it will be so good for the children" may be a little complacent adult rationalizing.

The world is full of things for children today. Maybe this year you can make yours a Christmas present of a vacation planned along juvenile lines. Chances are you'll have more fun yourself.

Take the Edaville Railroad at Carver, Massachusetts, for example. What child will not enjoy a ride around the cranberry bogs behind a real live steam engine in a real live train—big enough for even you to stand up in? Then there is a railroad museum in which both you and the youngsters will have fun reviewing the history of steam and seeing a fine Kentucky rifle exhibit. The trains run about every twenty minutes right up to Christmas, and what with the little stations (which are miniature villages) around the route in Christmas lights against the snow, it is no exaggeration to say this is *the* Christmas Season Trip of them all.

Budding along New England roads are countless attractions for kids. Storyland in Glen, New Hampshire, seven miles or so north of North Conway on route 16, recreates world-famous stories. Anybody know a child who wouldn't be interested in a good look at Cinderella's Castle, with a Pumpkin Coach to ride around the Castle grounds in? Heidi is there too, living in an Alpine hut. Jack and Jill make regular trips to their Wishing Well. The Old Woman in the Shoe, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Bo Peep, the Three Little Pigs—they're all there to be seen. And believed.

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In quite another vein, but still of interest to youngsters, are the oddities to be found at Boothe Memorial Park on the banks of the Housatonic in Stratford, Connecticut. There's a blacksmith shop there (it has forty-four outside corners!), a miniature lighthouse tower, a collection of millstones,

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Boat bugs in your family? There's always the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut, a true adventure into the past. And there's the Whaling Museum in New Bedford, Massachusetts, with its half-scale replica of the square-rigged *Lagoda.* At the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont, there's the old sidewheeler, the *Ticonderoga,* at port at last in a cradle of concrete and steel. The former "Queen of Lake Champlain," after forty-six years of service, was taken nearly two miles overland across the frozen fields of Vermont to her present home. For a boy or girl whose maritime interest lies not in the past but in the present, there are innumerable ferries running to our coastal islands, and the one and only memorable trip on the *Mount Washington* around the landlocked 'sea' of Lake Winnepesaukee. (Welcome change from driving, too, for those who are trying to cover a lot of New England in a hurry.) The second trip of the day is timed so that those who wish may visit the snack bar aboard for a late lunch.

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Here in New England you don't have to travel far to find something interesting to small fry. We ran into an old friend the other day at our nearest shopping center, towing a small string of young 'uns, her own and a few extra. She explained that she's developed a passion for shopping centers, and so have the kids. "Everything's new and fresh and exciting," she explained. "For all of us. We pile in a car, and just plan to spend the day. Somehow merchandise looks better in new surroundings. A sweater bought in a brand-new store becomes more than just a sweater. I buy my groceries on the spot, just before we leave. It may be a branch of my store at home, but it's an adventure just the same." The kids spend the day on the rides, explore, everybody eats at the restaurant. Not a bad idea, not a bit.

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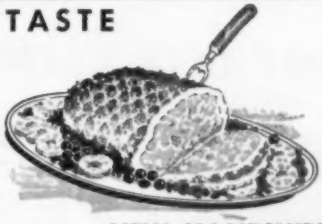

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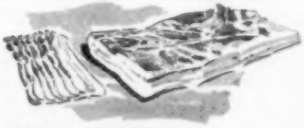

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The first attempt to put on this pageant was beautifully told in a little book entitled "How Far Is It to Bethlehem," written by Elizabeth Orton Jones, and published by The Horn Book Company of Boston in 1955.

Remember the Christmas...?

Duncan MacDonald / At Home in
NEW ENGLAND

December 25th comes and goes each year all too fast—but at least we'll always have the memory. Here's a hint or two to make this year's holiday more memorable.

THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS IS MENTIONED now and again during the earliest autumn months, but at that time it seems to most of us as remote and insubstantial as a dream. Of course some forward-looking people are busy in September revising their gift lists and placing mail orders for presents but most of us cannot be moved until the first day of December.

"December!" we then exclaim incredulously as though somehow the months had been shuffled, and December had arrived out of turn. "Before you know it Christmas will be here again!"

That is just about the way it happens. Each day, from then on, the approaching holiday takes a larger place in our thoughts, and takes a larger part of the day in planning and preparation—until at last, there it is, occupying all of our thoughts and filling the entire day with its once-a-year excitement.

As quickly as it comes, even more quickly it is gone, moving into its place among all our memories. In time to come, we'll think of this year's holiday and say wistfully: "Remember the Christmas"—and recall parents and grandparents who came, perhaps flying over a continent or an ocean to be here; relatives and guests who would, perhaps, never come again.

Of course, our ancestors kept a detailed family record of the holidays, writing out long descriptions of the doings of the day with notes about everyone present. Then along came the Brownie camera, and after that when you wanted to "remember the Christmas," you got out the photograph album.

This year, millions of us will put our Christmas holidays on record as never before, capturing our family and friends and their holiday fun on film, and catching their talk, their music, and their singing—indoors and outdoors—on tape. Almost as exciting an innovation as the Brownie camera, is the Steelman TRANSITAPE which weighs only seven pounds and slings over the shoulder as easily as a handbag. There is no plugging in, or worry about electrical current, or length of cord; the TRANSITAPE is battery-operated and completely portable.

You can start Christmas Day by recording some of the early morning greetings and exclamations as presents are opened, the singing of hymns, someone's playing a

Right: Duncan tries her hand with the new Steelman Transitape. The photograph on the left shows one of last year's Christmas decorations on Boston Common.

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Several other good battery-operated tape recorders are on the market, but I think only of the Steelman TRANSITAPE can it be said that operated by an amateur it produces professional results—at an amateur's price: $199.50.

So much for capturing the sounds of Christmas.

As to recording the wonderful, incomparable looks of Christmas, any camera will do. The most exciting seems to be the new Bell and Howell "Electric Eye."

When I was about to leave for Moscow in July, I telephoned Claus Gelotte to get

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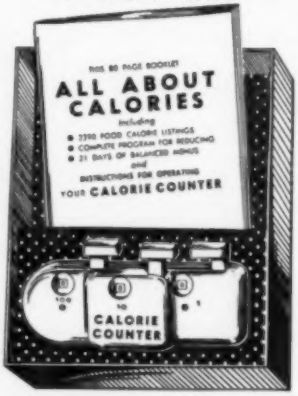

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his advice about photography. "Just take a Bell & Howell 'Electric Eye' and you're sure to bring back some good footage." One of the things Claus Gelotte said about the Bell & Howell "Electric Eye" is that you "just aim and fire." I like that. I get worried when I see people with cameras making all kinds of adjustments and brandishing light meters. "Aim and fire" is my kind of photography. Last year at the Brussels World's Fair I was aiming and firing with a 8mm Bell & Howell; this year I was similarly trigger-happy with a Bell & Howell 16 mm camera at the American Exhibition in Moscow. Results: Pretty close to a perfect score all around!

That, I think, is the kind of camera for most of us during the Yuletide season. Whether we use black and white film or color, we catch our families and friends in action; we can also hear their voices on tape, and in years to come we can "Remember the Christmas of 1959."

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few ideas about the purchase of antiques for Christmas.

Bob Eldred feels that antiques are a perfect choice for Christmas because they are by their nature unique and have a value that is difficult to place. "The cost of most gifts is known to purchaser and recipient alike," he said, "and it is difficult to convey an aura of sentiment for that reason, whereas with antiques there is a sense of wonderment and a feeling of sentiment. The average gift has a life span which begins to go down from the day you buy it until finally its value completely disappears; intelligently purchased antiques constantly increase in value."

Robert and Edna Eldred specialize in America's marine heritage—paintings, carved figureheads, scrimshaw—and, of course, have many collectors who visit them at "Windswept," their home on Cape Cod, to find unusual art objects. Mr. Eldred tells me that many men these days are collecting scrimshaw, which has increased in importance as people have come to realize it is probably the only truly indigenous American art. Whereas painting, woodcarving, and metal work have often had their roots in other countries, scrimshaw is an art which began, grew, and ended with Americans.

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I asked Captain Eldred for a few Christmas gift suggestions. He said that marked American teaspoons of the 18th century, which many people use as sugar spoons or with after-dinner coffee, can be purchased from $2.00 to $8.00 each. A Paul Revere spoon can be bought for under $50. Silhouettes by American artists or samplers can be purchased at a price under $25.

If you have a friend who is a collector, the problem is certainly more than half solved—fans, objects of Chinese Export, ironstone, glass, silver and pewter, trivets—there's a gift idea here in a very wide price range. And if your friend is not already a collector, your gift may prove to be the beginning of a new hobby.

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One side of the holidays that is a great delight is the food. Whether the main course is old-fashioned turkey, or goose, or game, or pork, it seems to take on a special flavor for Christmas day.

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1½ cups cranberries
4 tablespoons sugar
1/3 cup melted butter
4 cups bread crumbs
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
⅛ tsp. thyme
⅛ tsp. dill
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 garlic clove, mashed

Cut cranberries in very small pieces and mix with other ingredients. Cook over moderate heat for 10 minutes. Cool before using as a stuffing for the roast pork. (Mass. Cranberries are O.K.)

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RECIPE WITH A HISTORY

Our winner this month is Doris Forbes Parisette of Pine Hill Road, New Fairfield, Connecticut, who writes:

"Grandpa was a hearty Scotsman who loved his morning porridge and cherished family traditions. He particularly loved Christmas and the gathering of the clan. To him Christmas was not Christmas without the plum pudding that grandmother made. I still recall those memories of the large family gathering, the laden table, and the hot, blazing pudding.

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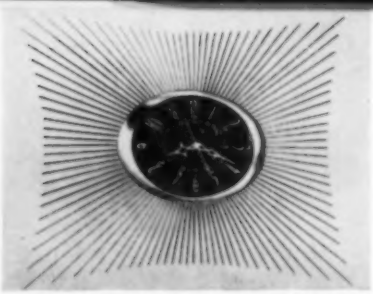

This month's "Recipe" prize—wall clock.

"Grandmother made these puddings for years, a treasured recipe handed down from her family. When I became engaged she wrote off the recipe for me plus her Mincemeat in a crock and I still treasure them in her own handwriting with this note concerning the puddings.

" 'I used this recipe when I had a large family, since then I have only made part of it. You can make as much as you want. I always boil my puddings in cans and molds. Use what you want. Will tell you all about it when you start to make them. If I am not here, Aunt Muriel knows how as I have taught her.'

"Grandmother and my Aunt both died before I attempted the puddings but I tried them last year with fine success."

Forbes Plum Pudding

1 pound suet, chopped
1 pound dark brown sugar
2 lbs. currants
2 lbs. raisins
1 lb. citron
1 lb. lemon and orange candy peel, chopped
¾ lb. bread crumbs
1 tsp. salt
¾ lb. flour
2 tsp. each: cinnamon, cloves, allspice, nutmeg
4 small apples, chopped
12 eggs
½ pint brandy

Wash and dry raisins and currants. Combine sugar, salt, spices, fruit (floured), bread crumbs, suet. Beat eggs, add to brandy, and pour over the mass. Stir until well mixed. Pack into greased molds with tight lids and boil 8 hours. These may be made ahead and stored in a cool place. To reheat, place in a pan of water and boil gently 1 to 1½ hours to heat thoroughly. Unmold on platter and pour a little warm brandy over the pudding. Ignite, and carry to the table. Serve with hard sauce.

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By mistake the men who moved our things included the small green cactus, and upon its arrival in Bristol I placed it in the garden. Its drab little branches were no larger than the day it was given to me. Not even an extra leaf had been added.

When cold weather came I brought all the potted plants inside and added a few African violets to the arrangement to give color. But, alas, I forgot or overlooked the cactus. Frost came and one day I discovered it quite frozen. I brought it into the house and thought: "This then is the end." After the ice melted it presented a sorry looking picture as its branches hung limp. I began to wonder if it had ever been alive. Just in case, I gave it some water. But again I didn't believe it would recover. The next day my little cactus lifted up its arms. I gave it more water and placed it in the sun. I talked to it a little, said I was sorry to have left it in the cold. Could so little encouragement have given it hope and brought it back from seeming death? Its body had been frozen but not its heart. It wanted me to "believe." I watched the branches straighten and two small buds appear on the end of its leaves, but the plant was not strong enough to hold them and before Christmas they fell off. I didn't see them bloom. Perhaps I had not earned the right to know their full beauty. But I had been given a promise—if I could believe real hard.

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. . . for the intricate veins of a leaf that one day floated down from a sycamore tree, and landed at my feet;

. . . for books I saw in the deep vaults of a museum, protected against all exigencies of war, or threat of war—and against time; especially for the three small notebooks of Shelley I held, feeling myself umbilical with history;

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. . . for a hummingbird trapped in a house that I helped to free (who may at this moment be thanking God for *me!*);

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. . . for friends who love me beyond the good and evil, accepting me in all trust;

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. . . for mystery, for awe, for wonder;

. . . for the knowledge that I will never know the whole, no matter how many years I live, or prayers I say—

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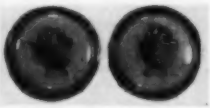

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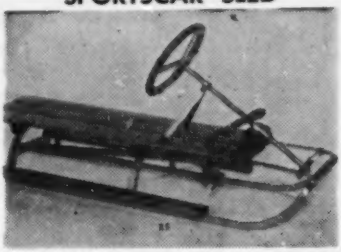

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They push the sprawling letters high in air,
As if the marchers, drowning, tried to hold
Something above a fast-encroaching sea:
"You have your liberty. Help us keep ours."

As others have stood. But the name on the signs is Tibet,
And something in me is astonished at this,
And strangely moved. Cold stars and camel-bells,
Deep chanting voices and the sound of gongs,
And peaks from which it's one quick step to Heaven—
Tibet. Roof of the World,

Whose monastaries house philosophers,
Whose mountain-passes drown enormous stars.
Travel is difficult, and not encouraged.
They have nothing to buy or sell. Those hardy few
Who have managed to get there, cannot well describe it,
But it haunts their minds.

"Stop Slaughter of Tibet." The flaming scrolls
Translate, in ash, to universal tongue.
Why is my own heart stricken as I look?
I never would have travelled to Tibet.
But, it may be, there are remote frontiers
Not physical, that, violated, leave
That traveller poorer who will never cross them.

A Stone

by Eric Barker

It goes down deep and dark, a sort of lump
Of deity to kneel to in its way
Of never contradicting what you say.

What sways your world? A Cloud-Mouth in the sky?
A woman crying with the voice of Eve?
It must be that in which you most believe.

It must be something that you see or hear:
A wind among the trees; a steady fire
That will not die unless the heart expire;

A trunk, a pillar lifting what you praise
Above the clouds, or what the clouds dispose.
It must be that which faith can never lose.

What moves the mountain moves the smallest stone.
What I have chosen is not very high,
Half under ground and half against the sky;

No fallen star with lightning in its veins
Still lurking hot for leaping in the grass,
It makes no plea for notice as I pass

Into the radius of a moving quiet
That draws me earthward on a compass hill
Within a circle that is never still.

Compensation

by Alice Clear Mathews

The crow, who cannot sing,
Casts shadow of a wing
As fleet, as fair as song
Upon the snows.
He lights upon a bough
In sun. Discern there how
His iridescence glimmers,
How it glows
In gleaming bronze and green-
His song, a glistening sheen,
A shadow cast in flight
As off he goes.

A Labor of Love

by Myron H. Broomell

A monument more permanent than brass
I have exacted, and by brass alone,
For what I said is nothing and will pass,
And yet the gist of it is on the stone:

Namely, that all I still remember stands
As if it were a fact, and so do I;
I fly from knowledge and repose in act,
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